



DISCUSSION POINTS

PROJ NAME: Benton Co Courthouse Feasibility Study

MTG DATE: April 30, 2013

1. Why do we need a feasibility study?

- Current courthouse built in 1928 is no longer safe, functional and secure by today's standards. This will need to be an 80 to 100 year decision for Benton County and is too important not to get it right.

2. How is the feasibility study funded?

- Cost sharing between Benton Co. and a group of downtown and community-based organizations and individuals
- Time frame to complete feasibility study – 120 days, minimum

3. Team introduction

4. What type of information will the study contain?

- Data collection, Operation Survey, and User Interviews
- Project Court System Long-Term Growth and Needs
- Court Functional Space and Operation Programming
- Conceptual Courthouse Renovation & Expansion Feasibility Analysis
- Security
- Life Safety
- Accessibility

5. Where are the locations that are being considered?

- Site Potential (downtown locations & HWY 102)
- Potential building square footage and project scale
- Consolidating all Judges and courts into one facility
- Parking requirements / considerations
- Security
- Prisoner transport
- Existing courthouse building assessment and renovation feasibilities

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6. Summary

- Objective analysis to weigh the pros and cons of each location
- Plan for the existing courthouse, annex and other County buildings, *regardless of new courthouse location*
- Cost Benefit Analysis on the two building alternatives including land costs, construction costs and operating costs
- Constructability and Phasing Requirements

7. Question and answer

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